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In re Continuation of:)
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Inventors: David VALE et al.) Group Art Unit:) 034
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For: IMPROVED FILTER ELEMENT)
FOR EMBOLIC PROTECTION)
DEVICE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following headings and subheading and new paragraph as follows:

-CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/IE00/00053, filed May 8, 2000, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference, and claims the priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/IE99/00036,

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